

**Block Island Housing Board**  
**Thursday, April 14, 2011**  
**Town Hall, Old Town Road**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Cindy Pappas, Debbie Howarth, Fraser Lang, John Spier and Patty Murphy.

**Not Present:** Gerry Riker, Dan Baker

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Ms. Pappas.

**Approval of minutes March 10, 2011 and March 31, 2011 interim meeting.**

A motion was made by Debbie Howarth and seconded by Fraser Lang to approve the minutes of March 10, 2011 as written and to approve the minutes of March 31, 2011 with corrections.

Ayes 5 (Pappas, Howarth, Lang, Spier and Murphy) Nays 0 Absent 2 (Riker, Barker)

**Correspondence/Public Input**

Dr. John Willis addressed the Board with some concerns he had about affordable housing.

**Finance Report**

Clerk reported that \$83,801.40 was collected to date with 254 responses to go.

Motion was made by Debbie Howarth and seconded by Patty Murphy to approved the attached finance report.

Ayes 5 (Pappas, Howarth, Lang, Spier and Murphy) Nays 0 Absent 2 (Riker, Barker)

The Blish and Cavanagh bill for \$1,000 was presented. The Town was willing to pay ½ the bill. Motion was made and seconded to pay \$500.00 and present the remaining bill to the Town.

**Fair Housing Law update**

The Housing Board received Landry's memo at this meeting. Because they did not have time to read it and Landry could not be here, discussion of this item will be on the next agenda. The next meeting will change to permit Mr. Landry to attend. It will be on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at a time to be announced. It was suggested that BIED be invited to this meeting.

**Helterline Proposal**

Jill Helterline addressed the board and this discussion was tabled until Joe Priestley could attend.

**Jacke Property Update**

Bids and plan revision discussion was held. John Spier reported that the Board was about two weeks away from final plans.

A motion was made by Cindy Pappas and seconded by Patty Murphy to award the bid to Transue Corporation subject to a contract for the foundations as specified and contingent on building permits being issued.

Ayes 3(Pappas, Howarth, Murphy) Nays 0 Absent 2(Riker and Barker) Abstain 1(Lang)

John Spier recused himself from the vote.

Motion did not pass. After discussion the motion was restated and voted:

Ayes 4(Pappas, Howarth, Murphy, Lang) Nays 0 Absent 2 (Riker and Barker)

Eligibility Subcommittee

Fraser Lang reported that he will get Cindy Valenti to schedule a first time home buyer's class as soon as possible.

Building subcommittee will meet April 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the Fire barn.

At 8:30 p.m. a motion was made by Debbie Howarth and seconded by Patty Murphy to enter closed session pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(2), possible litigation.

Ayes 5 (Pappas, Howarth, Murphy, Lang and Spier)                      Nays 0

At 8:50 p.m. a motion was made by Debbie Howarth and seconded by Patty Murphy to return to open session, mention that no votes were taken in closed session and to adjourn.

Ayes 5 (Pappas, Howarth, Murphy, Lang and Spier)                      Nays 0

Minutes approved

Bonny Ryan